district meetings during the fall of 1881 and spring of 1872 petitioning annual meeting to pursue such a course as would prevent a division of the church. Any one having such petitions in their possession will confer a favor upon us by mailing them to this office.

It is always best to be patient under afflictions. He is a true philosopher who can always look at the bright side and gather comfort even from what might be an occasion for sorrow. As an instance of this we cite the example of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, who is quite deaf, but declares he would not be cured for $10,000, because he escapes so much that is not orth hearing.

Mr. S. E Starey, of Iowa, who has been making himself useful by lecturing against secretism has received the compliments of a mobbing at Dunlap, Kansas, lately. We suppose it was the secret working of the lodge publicly proclaimed. It is claimed for secretism that the Lodge is a civilizer, but is it the part of the civilization of the 19th century to resort to such arguments (?)

"I told you so," is a sermon preached very often, and but to little profit, because it is generally not the language of love but of triumph. It is simply an outburst of satisfaction one is naturally inclined to feel when his warning has not been heeded and it has now been demonstrated that he was right and the other was wrong. It would be an exercise of kindness and self-control when we are tempted to speak the words, "I told you so"—not to say them.

The Department of State will send from Washington to the World's Exposition, a set of pictures showing the different breeds of cattle of the world It is the intention of the Department to issue a publication of the cattle industries of the world, and the work is now in the hands of the public printer. The material was obtained from the reports of United States Consuls in different countries, who have taken a great interest in the success of the great International World's Fair,

The article on vanity in this issue, was written by sister Susan Sidle, of the Coventry church, who has passed her three score years and ten. But few sisters of her age are able to write articles for the paper at all, but the Lord has dealt graciously with sister Sidel and she feels like doing something for the Lord. Our columns are open for her and we hope our readers will give respectful attention and spare their criticisms when our dear old mother in Israel is giving them kindly admonition.

Prof. Langhammer, of New Mexico, Commissioner to the World's Exposition, has a fine exhibit prepared, but is taking steps to form a zoological garden at New Orleans. He already has a considerable collection of animals, and proposes that all the wild animals placed on exhibition during the season of the Exposition be presented to the city of New Orleans as a free gift. The collection of wild animals likely to be received from Canada, the United States and Mexico promises to be an unusually large and fine one.

Governor Glick, of Kansas, has turned out a prohibitionist at last. He has issued a proclamation prohibiting the introduction of cattle into Kansas from the States of Kentucky, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. Perhaps his experience as Governor of Kansas, for the last few years has convinced him that prohibition will prohibit after all, hence his proclamation to prevent his State from being overrun with diseased cattle. But what consequence is the cattle plague compared with the "hideous moral plague" of the saloons.

Ashland has been honored by visitations from great men. Senator John Sherman opened the Republican campaign at this place, afterward Honorable Bayard spoke at the Opera House, afterwards Gen. Logan and Hon. McKinley, and several other dignitaries, spoke to a large assembly of citizens from the car platform at our magnificent (?) station house, and to-day Hon. A. G. Curtin, and Hon. Wm. A. Wallace are giving us a flow of eloquence. It remains yet for Blaine, Butler, St. John and Belva Lockwood to pay their respects to us.

It seems that Col. Robert Ingersol has recently threatened to overthrow Christianity—which has provoked the Christian Advocate of New Orleans to show up the anti-divine in the following style. He (Ingersoll) has joined company with a wonderful array of famous names,—Pharaoh, Jeroboam, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod, Nero, Chelsus, Prophyry, Julian, Voltaire, Volney, and Tom Payne. These men, each in his turn have utterly destroyed the religion of Christ from the earth. And now comes Ingersoll to beat it to pieces again and scatter its dust to the winds.

Mr. Spurgeon lately said of the revised version of the scriptures, "The men are not born that can give us a better version of either the Old or the New Testament, than the one we now possess, and it is my belief they never will be born. The old translators were men who wrote the pure Anglo Saxon, not giving us another language in a Latinized version, and they were wonderfully helped of God in presenting to us the true meaning. You may therefore place every confidence in your grandmother's Bible, and it will be a long while before the most learned scholars will give you a better.

A new insurance company has been organized in Ashland. Its purpose is to insure against losses sustained by owners of live stock. Our brother and fellow-townsman, D. J. Meyers is the principle agent of the company, and is proving himself very efficient in working up the interests of the company. Through his influence and partly through his generosity, the office editor was induced to insure in the company, and was the first one to sustain a loss, which loss was promptly and satisfactorily settled. We feel that we did well to insure and can heartily recommend the company and are glad that the company has been located here.

The expression "a rope around the neck," originated according to Demosthenes, in the Greek state of Locri, in Italy, where any one proposing a new law did it with a rope around his neck, and if the law failed to get a majority of the votes of the people the proposer was immediately strangled. If such a law were enforced against those who are constantly proposing amendments to the Gospel of Christ—the constitution of the church—there would be less creeds and divisions. However, those who presume to add to God's word, must not think that they are not accountable, though they have no visible rope around their necks when doing so.

The familiar name of J. H. Worst again appears at the head of an article in the EVANGELIST. His article comes to us as a refreshing breeze from the northwest after a prolonged calm, and we hope the wind will continue to blow from that direction for a long time. We however much regret the affliction that has befallen brother Worst, and we are sure that the sympathies and prayers of all his many friends will be heartily extended toward him. He speaks to us noble words of encouragement to duty. There is indeed no nobler work than that assigned by providence to the Brethren church to "Reconstruct the abused elements, and out of their divine influence evolve the dignity of true manhood."

On Thursday, Oct. 16th, the B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell round trip excursion tickets to Chicago, at low excursion rates.

The profits of this excursion are to be set apart as a fund to be applied to the erection of a memorial building, for the Department of Ohio, G. A. R., at Columbus.

There never was a better time to visit Chicago. This will be the most popular excursion of the season. The far-famed Chicago Exposition is now open, and with its many attractive features is in itself well worth your trip. The famous paintings of the Battle of Gettysburg and the Siege of Paris, are now on exhibition in Chicago.

Remember that the B. & O. is the only line landing passengers at the Exposition building.

We have received at this office, and perused with pleasure and profit *The Journeys of Jesus*, a work published by the Mennonite Publishing Company, Elkhart, Ind. The book is founded on the narrative of the Savior, as related in the New Testament, and historical facts obtained from other well authenticated sources. It is therefore thoroughly reliable as a book of reference, and is extremely interesting reading, inasmuch as it graphically describes the life of our Savior, and portrays to the mind of the reader, the many interesting associations of the scenes of His labors, in His mission among men. The reading of this book will inspire renewed interest in the study of the New Testament, and increased admiration for the Son of God. The book well deserves a place beside the Bible, not to supercede it, but to go with it as an exponent and commentary.

Mrs. Laura Slotter, of Columbiana, Ohio, paid Ashland a visit last Thursday. The EVANGELIST family were elated in meeting sister Laura, and very much pleased with her visit. She also expressed herself as well pleased with Ashland (and we hope that included us) and said she was agreeably surprised in finding it a very nice place.

On Thursday evening sisters Holsinger and Davis went to Fair Haven with sister Slotter, to attend the meetings in progress there. Unfortunately, their horse was rather conservative—that is, he was rather slow, and did not make the progress they expected and arrived at the church too late for evening services. Brother Keiffer had concluded his sermon, and two had responded to the invitation and had enlisted on the Lord's side, that evening. Brother Bashor was unwell for that time, but it was hoped he could preach again the next evening. They were well pleased with the church at Fair Haven, and were sorry they could not remain longer.

The new meeting house built by the German Baptists, that is original in style, nonconformed to anything the world has ever seen or heard of, and uniform with nothing sacred or secular, is located in their Mohican church in Wayne county, Ohio. Since their annual meeting goes begging for a place where it may assemble and dissemble next year to the great perplexity of its chief Managers, we would respectfully suggest that the Mohican church be secured for the purpose. The old German Baptist house would answer for boarding tent, lunch counter, pea nut stand, ice-cold lemonade stands, &c., &c., &c.—The new house could be utilized for a tabernacle, the Standing Committee occupying the centre; and one of the wings might be occupied by the Conservo-progressive portion of *the* church and the other by the progresso conservative part thereof. And while the great annual meeting would be adding the one hundred and ninth chapter to *their* book, the Gospel of Christ and its conservators could find a safe asylum in the Brethren church near by.

The *North American Review* for October is notable as well for the importance of the topics treated, as for the eminence of its writers. The leading article, "Moral Character in Politics," is by President J. H. Seelye, whose exposition of the ethical principles involved in the popular election of candidates to high station in the Government must command the attention of every right-minded citizen. "Benefits of the Tariff System," a sequel to the article in the September number on the "Evils of the Tariff System," is a symposium consisting of three articles, written respectively by John Roach, Prof R. E. Thomson, and Nelson Dingley, Jr., who advocate the policy of the protection of American industries with great ingenuity of reasoning and abundant citations of statictical facts. In addition to these most timely discussions of high political issues, the *Review* has an article by the Rev. Dr. Agusttus Jessop, entitled "Why I wish to visit America;" "The Philosophy of Conversion," by O. B. Frothingham; "The Origin of Yellow Fever," by Dr. C. Creighton; "Shall the Jury System be Abolished?', by Judge Robert Y. Hayne; "The Genesis of Tennyson's Maud," by Richard Herne Shepherd; and The Developement of Machine Guns," by Lieut. C. Sleeman.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for October is a number of more than average merit. Several strong stories are in it, beside the absorbing serials by Helen Mathers and Christian Reid. The general character of the contents is such as to show that the magazine is raising its literary standard at the same time that it is making other notable improvments. "Lost in the Frozen North," a record of life on the Polar Sea, is a very powerful story which has additional interest on account of its association with the famous Arctic Expedition. Midshipman——gives in it a thrilling glimpse of his experience in the realm of the Ice King, and has woven into his narrative a charming little story, founded largely on fact. Mrs. V. Sheffey Haller gives us this month the opening chapters of "Your Love or My Life," a story full of bright description, spontaneous humor, and graceful romance "He laughs Best, who Laughs Last," by Annabel C. Andrews, and "Postal Courtship," by Litchfield Mosely are both droll sketches, and there are a number of pretty poems to offset the stories. We should not fail to mention, also, the frontispiece, a fine steel engraving, called "The Mice Trainers," a beautiful little picture which serves as an illustration to the story of "The Young Count Cesaro," by Emily Lennox. The book is filled up with excellent matter.

EVENING REST. By J. L. Pratt. Young Folk's Library. Boston: D. Lothrop and & Co. Price 25cts. A simple quiet story, whose character is adequately expressed by the title. Evening Rest is the name given to a little hamlet in the Blue Ridge Region of Pennsylvania, remarkable for the beauty of its surroundings and the lovely character of its people. Thither goes a young man from the East to visit an uncle whom he has never before seen, and his experiences during his stay make up the contents of the book. One incident of the story is strongly dramatic in character. A family party, one of the members being the young man referred to, visit a coal mine. While passing through one of the narrow passages the guide fires a pistol to show the effects of the echo. The concussion of the air starts a loose part of the roof overhead and a portion falls in. The little company is shut up in the earth with little chance of ever seeing the light again. They have lights, however, and stumble across some tools, and by dint of many hours' hard labor they are at length able to communicate with their friends outside, who are at last able to rescue them. The author, throughout the story, dwells much upon the sweet and tender influences of home. In "Evening Rest" he creates an ideal household and community, and strives to show how much they have to with the formation of character.

The irrepressible conflict between creed and conscience is still raging in this part of the German Baptist vineyard. Last Saturday the contending elements of this church met in a "friendly" conflict, at the Maple Grove church, to decide whether annual meeting decisions should be set aside, any longer, in order to advance the policy course of certain elders whose motto seems to be "Anything to beat the Progressives". We have not as yet heard definitely what was done, but we understand that the meeting was not specially noted for harmony and that there was no conclusion reached, but the council was adjourned to a future time when the question will again come up for settlement.

We are sorry to hear that the hopes of the German Baptists of dwelling together in peace after having "plastered over the progressive sore" in what they supposed an effectual manner, are not yet realized. We are willing to give our friendly aid in favor of a peaceful settlement of this, as well as all other difficulties which disturb the harmony of this mundane sphere, but the best we can do at present in this case is to advise those who hold old order views to join in with the Old German Baptist organization and for those who have really progressive views and are honest, and willing to walk humbly in the liberty of the Gospel to join in with the Brethren.

It is very evident that the whole trouble comes from trying to build up a distinct party without having a distinct platform for it to occupy. Every conservative is either a progressive or old order and the sooner he finds his place the better it will be for his peace and spiritual prosperity.

The October number of THE PULPIT TREASURY is on our table. It is a superb number both in matter and in appearance. The Portrait of Dr. Edward Payson Terhune and the view of his church are first-class illustrations, while the sketch of his life is deeply interesting. The sermons are by Dr. Terhune, Cannon Liddon, Drs. Maclaren, Theo. Prayer, W. Fawcett, J. Hall, R. S. Storrs and Rev. C. E. Crosthwaite and are worthy of these noble preachers. Dr. Armitage's closing article on "Treatment of Scepticism in the Pulpit" in a timely contribution. Dr. Gideon Draper gives the first of his articles on "Neander." "The Mormon Problem" is ably discussed by Rev. Clarke Braden, the great debater. A Christian Lady gives her views on "Dancing." Bishop J. M. Walden sets forth important facts on "The Ballot and the Bible." "Light on the International Lessons" is given by Dr. J. S. Chadwick. Prof. T. H. Pattison shows that "The True Minister is no Failure," and Dr. Cuyler has a word on "Prophesying Smooth Things. Bishops Ryle's second article on "Sabbath Observance" ought to command attention; while Dr. Wm. M. Taylor, on True Sympathy the Result of Suffering," will strike a sensitive chord in many hearts. D. Lewis, M. D., continues his treatment of "Wakefulness and How Avoided." "The Afterwards of the Prayer-meeting," by Rev. S. Baker, is worthy of every pastor's profound consideration. "How to make the Home attractive," by Dr. W. Aikman, and "Family Cheerfulness," by Dr. Stanford, give good counsels to parents. Dr. A. Mitchell throws light on "Religion Among North American Indians. All other departments overflowing with good things for pastor and people.

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According to arrangement, brother A. J. Sterling came to help us in the word of the Lord on the 13th of September. As the Old Brick church had been well locked against us the meeting was appointed for Highland school house, close by. Brother Sterling remained for four meetings, after which two were received by baptism, and a general good feeling seemed to rest with all that attended the meetings, and they were many. Our next meeting will commence on the second Saturday evening of November, when, it is thought, a glorious work will be done. Yours in love.

S. A. GRABLE,

Died.

McCONNELL—In the Church, at Fairview, Labette county Kansas, Brother RICHARD McCONNELL, September 22, 1884, in the 74th year of his age.

He had been a member of the church about forty years. He was an earnest Christian, recognizing no division in the church, but was ever ready to condemn wrong on the part of all. Brother McCONNELL will be much missed, as he was a very busy regular attendant at church; was kind and courteous to all. His companion preceded him to the Spirit world several years.

REESE—GEO. REESE was born in Franklin county, Pa. 1798; came to Stark county, Ohio., at the age of fourteen. He was the father of eleven children, thirty-five grand and twenty-eight great-grandchildren. He was a consistent member of the German Baptist church for many years. He was perfectly helpless for the last year. He quietly passed away September 24th, having attained to the age of 86 years, 6 months and 6 days. Many relatives and friends followed the remains to his last resting place at the Freeburg cemetery. Funeral services by preacher M. Schlonaker and the writer. JOSIAH KEIM.